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From: Robert Stewart
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 8:14:40 PM
Subject: RE: Cessation of EPA Cleanup at Mine Sites

Super! Thanks much.

From: Cristiano, Gina [mailto:Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:06 PM
To: robert_f_stewart@ios.doi.gov
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So, attached is a memo from HQ. Note this applies to EPA actions; actions taken by other federal agencies are not subject to this (maybe that's obvious but wanted to mention). Also note that each EPA Region is taking its own approach to determining whether to continue work at a given site. The official statement from Gina McCarthy is below (pasted from here-
<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/administrator-mccarthys-statement-about-ongoing-fieldwork-mines>):

Administrator McCarthy's Statement About Ongoing Fieldwork at Mines

August 12, 2015: While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

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From: Robert Stewart [mailto:robert_f_stewart@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:51 AM

To: Cristiano, Gina

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Can you track down whatever directive came out from EPA/HQ following the Administrator's announcement, and send to me?

BLM is doing a bunch of their own mine site cleanups, and is after us for more info.

Thanks.